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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of examination of the present application kindly enter the following:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-21 and substitute therefor the following new claims 22 - 47.

22. A hydrogel contact lens having a base material comprising copolymerized monomers modified with at least one amino acid, and copolymerized monomers modified with betaine.

23. The hydrogel contact lens of claim 22, wherein the at least one amino acid is an amino acid occurring in the natural collagen of the cornea.